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## Agrillo Summarizes Progress Of Area in Past Year While Serving as CSFL Official

Anthony Agrillo, vice president of this district for the California State Federation of Labor, this week expressed regret that he was unable to visit local unions in the area again prior to the Federation convention in Sacramento, starting August 3, and gave a short resume of progress in the district since he took office.

Agrillo said he had planned a trip throughout the area during July to continue his monthly visits to labor councils and union offices but added that making arrangements for the convention of the California State Association of Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, of which he is secretary-treasurer, had made it impossible to make such a trip. The Barbers' convention precedes the Federation gathering.

In his summary of progress, Agrillo paid high tribute to the AFL Organizing Committee at San Mateo, which rolled up an amazing record in less than a year of AFL organization in San Mateo County under direction of AFL Representative Gene DeCristofaro and Organizer E. J. Carrigan.

San Jose, which has taken steps toward establishment of such a committee, has not completed arrangements and the Santa Clara organizing move will be started later, Agrillo said.

Efforts of the CIO to gain strength in this district have been gratified soundly by smart AFL organizing, Agrillo added.

Lack of building activity in the Santa Cruz area and the poor sardine fishing season at Monterey are cited by Agrillo in his summary as the only adverse reports of the entire district.

The many new affiliations to the Federation, the good wage negotiations throughout the district, excellent political activity in certain areas, and the fine organization efforts are particularly noted in the summary.

San Jose's Labor Temple plans, with \$60,000 pledged for the new building; the Palo Alto restaurant organization move, the campaign to unionize J. C. Penney's San Jose store, division of Teamsters into two large and powerful units, and other items are reported.

San Mateo's organizing steps, the Labor Council's own radio program there, retirement of U. S. Simonds, Jr. as business agent of the Carpenters, illness and recovery of Albert H. Randall of the Building Trades Council are mentioned along with other items.

The Salinas plans for a new Labor Temple, re-opening of the California Rodeo, and building steps are listed for this area. In Monterey, the report tells of R. A. Rial, new Building Trades business agent, highway and film projects, and other news. Santa Cruz County and San Benito County activities are summarized, including the organizing by Culinary Bartenders, naming of Thomas H. Deane as business agent for Santa Cruz Painters, activity by James T. Mann of Watsonville building trades, and other news of interest.

Agrillo's summary, too lengthy for publication, is bright and cheerful in tone and shows how the State Federation co-operation with various local unions gains unusual and varied results.

### Asks for Jobs



### BOLIN NAMED PAINTER B.A. AT MONTEREY

J. L. Bolin, of Monterey, has been elected as financial secretary and business agent of Painters 272 of Monterey, succeeding Robert Estus, who resigned. Bolin lists his address as P. O. Box 892 of Monterey. He can be contacted at the Monterey Building Trades Hall, 411½ Alvarado St.

All members of Local 272 are employed and work prospects continue good, Bolin reported.

### Small Sardines Keep Cannery Row Crews Busy

Half a dozen canneries along Monterey's famed Cannery Row were busy last week as a catch of small sardines was delivered to the various plants, the Fish Cannery Workers' Union reported.

Secretary Roy Humbracht and Business Agent Lester Caveny of the union have been busy in recent days conducting negotiations for the union. They had no announcement on progress but said that a union meeting would be held late this month, at which time a report would be made.

Answering attacks against the American Federation of Musicians (AFL), Pres. James C. Petrillo said his job was to protect musicians and see that they get work. He pointed out that 603 out of 904 radio stations do not employ any live musicians "because we give 'em Paul Whiteman from New York and Jack Benny from Hollywood, on discs."—Federated Pix.

### Union Label 'Why'



By EARL W. JIMERSON  
Intl. President, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America

"One of the most important

paragraphs in a labor union agreement is the one covering seniority which provides job security for its members. Likewise, the demand for the Union Label, Shop Card and Service Button provides continuity of employment and further guarantees that the product is manufactured under fair labor conditions and by members of the trade union movement."

Highway 101 — New portions nearing completion and laying of asphalt topping due in about four weeks. Tiechert & Sons, contractors.

Highway to Hollister — Construction progressing rapidly under the Tiechert & Sons firm; black top to go on shortly.

Landscaping job along the new highway — Near completion on most of stretch.

### Salinas CU Makes Change In Delegates

Following a report that Secretary E. L. Courtright and Bertha Boles, elected earlier as delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention at Sacramento next month, would be sent by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) declared in a resolution unanimously adopted here.

The Council, representing nearly 30,000 unionists in the state, asserted Cain "has always voted against the welfare and best interests of the working people and has never worked or voted for the interests of organized labor." It went on record censuring Cain and his record in Congress, in particular his attitude on the Taft-Hartley bill and his bill to sell federal housing units."

### Letters Deluge White House

The final days of the fight to defeat the Taft-Hartley bill brought a record-breaking swarm of mail, telegrams and petitions into the nation's capital.

Giving the complete lie to stories that the bill was directed against union officials were some 175,000 letters, 575,000 postcards, a flow of more than 26,000 telegrams, and a wide variety of giant placards, displays and posters from rank-and-file union members.

A 20-man staff at the White House mail room worked valiantly to handle the flow of mail, arriving at the rate of some 50,000 a day. Three White House telephones and an occasional swing-shift Morse operator handled the incoming wires.

The lower politics goes the higher it comes.

### West Coast Labor Dept. Services Cut

SAN FRANCISCO — Curtailment of services of the U. S. Department of Labor for the west coast region was announced here to meet the 1947-48 department budget as finally approved by Congress.

Liquidated was the Information Division, distributing point for eight western states, for information emanating from regional offices here. This division closes its doors permanently.

A 20 percent curtailment of service has already been put into effect by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions in charge of enforcement and compliance under the minimum wage, 40-hour week, child labor and contracts governing labor conditions for supplies to the federal government. Since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, the Wage and Hour Division has cut its services 50 percent.

Child Labor and Youth Employment Branch closed its offices last month.

#### OTHER CHANGES

U. S. Employment Service, with 25 employees last January 1, is reduced to three professional personnel, and due to the failure of the passage of the President's Reorganization Plan by Congress is slated to leave the Department of Labor within "six months after the termination of the war" and become a branch of the Federal Security Agency.

Conciliation Service is transferred out of the Department of Labor, effective August 23, to become an independent agency to be known as the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Bureau of Labor Statistics is reduced from 70 personnel in five states to 25 personnel in an expanded region of 11 states.

The Regional Attorney's office retains the same personnel but adds the state of Montana, while Apprenticeship Training Service took an over-all 20 percent cut in budget.

#### NLRB TO EXPAND

Postwar automatic liquidation had previously eliminated the unnecessary Labor Department agencies of Retraining and Reemployment Administration, Wage Adjustment Board and Ship Stabilization Committee.

Added to the Department's responsibilities, however, is the new Veterans Reemployment Rights Division, which has taken over the postwar work of Selective Service.

National Labor Relations Board, outside the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Labor or his department, will have the responsibility of administering the Taft-Hartley National Labor Relations Act, and expects an expansion in personnel.

Representatives of the Labor Department will continue to participate in International Labor activities.

In the agencies retained, many area offices in cities outside of San Francisco have been closed.

#### STORING GARDEN FOODS

Store fresh garden foods in a cool, moist place.

The best way to fix a flat tire is to leave her home.

### Back to Work



Lighting their lamps again, these miners prepare to go into the pits after Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (AFL) signed a contract with northern operators calling for the greatest wage gains in the union's history. One part of the agreement specifically goes around the Taft-Hartley act's ban on strikes in violation of written contracts. (Federated Pix)

### Granite Starts New Dam Work In Big Sur Area

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION CO. has begun operations preparatory to construction of a new dam at Big Sur, union officials at Monterey report. Drag line operations, which will change the course of the river to make way for actual building of the dam, are now underway.

Workers are nearly finished with the N. M. Ball project of widening the Fremont Avenue extension from Del Monte to Ord Village to a divided four-lane highway.

#### Salinas Pair At Carpenter State Confab

BUSINESS AGENT George Harter and President Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas represented that union at the California State Council of Carpenters convention at Redding last week.

#### Salinas Plumbers Seek Adjustment

PLUMBERS UNION 503 of Salinas was seeking an adjustment of wages last week, it was reported by Building Trades Council officials.

Details of the case were not reported but settlement was due by this week, it was reported.

#### Culinary-Bartenders Name Two for Confab

CULINARY-BARTENDERS 483 of Monterey has named two delegates to the California State Alliance of Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders, Business Agents George Rice and Recording Secretary Pearl Robinson picked for the honor. Bro. Rice also will represent the union at the California State Federation of Labor convention.

#### APOLOGIES!

This writer owes apologies to Pearl Robinson for listing her as Pearl "Bennett" in a story last week. Mrs. Robinson formerly was "Bennett" and the error, while a natural one, is regrettable. Mrs. Robinson is retiring as financial secretary and business representative of Culinary-Bartenders 483 after serving seven years in this capacity. She is continuing as recording secretary, however.

#### Mrs. Smith in Office of BTC

MRS. L. SMITH has been conducting office work for the Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 and for the Building Trades Council in the absence of Mrs. Neva Gregory, who is on a month's vacation.

#### Andrade Due Back

PETER A. ANDRADE, secretary and representative of Salinas Warehousesmen and Teamsters 890, was due back in Salinas this week following his annual vacation from his duties.

#### Harvey Rose III

HARVEY ROSE, past president of Culinary-Bartenders 483, underwent a serious operation recently and is confined to his bed at his home in Monterey, Union Secretary Pearl Robinson reports.

#### Lara in S.F.

CARL LARA, business agent of Painters 1101 of Salinas, was called to San Francisco last week on business for his union. He was gone only one day.

#### Prosperous times: Those in which you pay installments on ten things instead of one.

#### BILLIONS

If proof is needed that Big Business got much bigger during the war, it was supplied by a United Press survey.

It reveals that there are now 45 companies with assets of more than a billion dollars each,

more than double the number in the boom year of 1929.

Banks and insurance companies top the list. Metropolitan Life, with assets of more than \$8 billions, is first, and Bell Telephone second, with more than \$7 billions. Several railroads are in the select club.

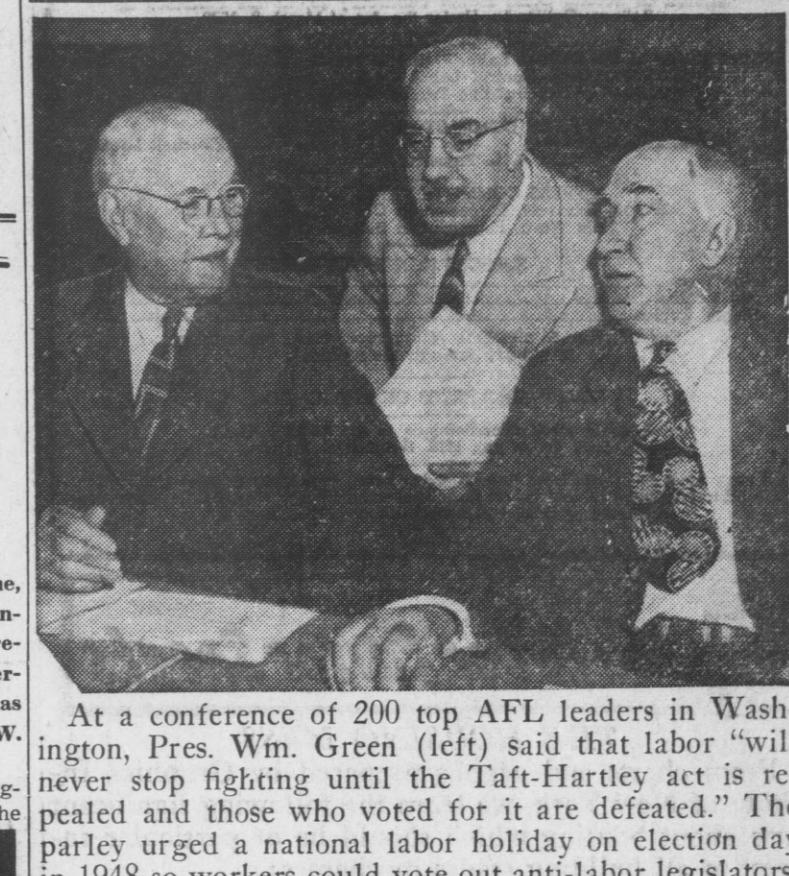
#### Federal-Labor Meet

A labor institute will be held at Missoula, Mont., August 7-9 under the sponsorship of the AFL, the Farmers Union and the state universi-

ties.

A salesman says that getting orders from some people was like pulling teeth—he had to give them a lot of gas.

## Prepare for Action



At a conference of 200 top AFL leaders in Washington, Pres. Wm. Green (left) said that labor "will never stop fighting until the Taft-Hartley act is repealed and those who voted for it are defeated." The parley urged a national labor holiday on election day in 1948 so workers could vote out anti-labor legislators. General Counsel Joseph Padway (center) and Pres. Wm. L. Hutchison of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters are shown with Green. (Federated Pix)

## Delete No-Strike Clauses, Act Now, State AFL Advice

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO — Over fifty attorneys and union representatives from every part of the State gathered in San Francisco at the Hotel Whitcomb to discuss and analyze the various provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

With Secretary Haggerty presiding, the federation's attorney Charles P. Scully, led the discussion by taking up the various sections of the act serially. In the course of the discussion, the ambiguities within the measure were argued and various interpretations given. On the whole, however, there were practically no fundamental points of disagreement.

To succeed Bro. Milne as ninth region vice president, Pres. Tracy appointed Bro. O. G. Harbak, executive secretary of the Columbia Power Trades Council and an international representative since 1941.

#### A FINE RECORD

Bro. Milne has carried a card in Portland Local 125 since 1918. His interest in this union and in the movement during the early, trying years extended to the point of advancing money from his own pocket to keep the union alive. His work on agreement, arbitration, strike and other committees was so effective that he was elected business manager.

In 1929 he was appointed by former IBEW President James P. Noonan as an international representative and went to work in the three coast states and Canada. When he took this office only one power company on the coast was under a union agreement. In subsequent years of Bro. Milne's regional work, each and every power company in the ninth district, both private and public, was organized into the brotherhood.

In 1936 he was appointed ninth district vice president by Pres. Tracy. During his period of leadership in the west, IBEW unions have increased in number, membership and contract gains to points never before attained. The region includes the three coast states, Nevada, Alaska and the Pacific islands.

#### HARBAK SUCCESSOR

Bro. Harbak, his successor as regional vice president, started his career with Tacoma Local 483 in 1918. He worked at all phases in the industry, taking an active lead in union affairs. In 1933 he was named business manager and president of Olympia Local 580. In 1939 he went to work for Seattle Local 77, serving 14 months until his appointment on Bro. Milne's staff as an international representative.

Almost simultaneously he was named executive secretary of Columbia Power Trades Council, in the formation of which he took a leading part. This council consists of 16 international unions and in 1945 it executed the first labor agreement ever made with an agency of the federal government, a precedent-setting step that proved labor can do business with government and paved the way for similar agreements across the U. S.

Bro. Harbak, a member of the AFL executive council, is 69 and has been an IBEW member for 47 years. He is not stepping out of the picture entirely, having been induced by Pres. Tracy to serve as executive director of the newly-formed National Electrical Benefit Fund.

#### Striking absence of consistency.

The bill sets forth conditions which are impossible to fulfill. Under them, it will be unlawful for a union to engage in a strike for recognition where procedures are created by law for the designation of collective bargaining representatives and the union has not been certified. But no agency exists in California which can certify collective bargaining representatives in industries engaged in intrastate commerce. Thus, this legislation can be used to deprive over a million workers of the right of any initiative steps to collective bargaining through organizational activities.

Not one piece of evidence was submitted during the involved procedure through which the bill passed before its enactment to show it would end jurisdictional strikes. This alleged intent is a fraudulent facade, which seeks to conceal its sinister purpose. The statute does not even define a jurisdictional strike as one by the two bona fide labor organizations.

As a result of Governor Warren's action in signing this bill, labor can no longer consider his judgment impartial, as we always wanted to believe and for which

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## THE HOUSING MESS

From charts and graphs prepared by Graphics Institute of New York, we learn the following significant facts about housing which should be of particular interest to all building trades mechanics:

We need 14 million housing units. Of these 14 million, nearly 4 million are badly needed now for veterans and their families, newlyweds and people who doubled up during the war. About 10 million families are living in substandard homes.

*Out of the 14 million units needed, we will get in 1947 a little over a million and about a quarter of these will be housing only of a temporary character.*

A six-room house which cost \$6000 in 1939 now costs \$11,640.

Building labor wages in 1946 and the first six months of 1947 have gone up about 35 per cent; the cost of building materials in the same period has gone up over 80 per cent.

In 1940 about 85 per cent of housing units rented for less than \$40 a month. At present only 17 per cent rent for below that figure. Of the present now construction only 30 per cent will rent for less than \$50 a month.

Homes under \$4500 comprised 68 per cent of all construction in 1935, but in 1946 the figure dropped to 13 per cent.

The residential construction rate is definitely on the downturn, despite the acute need for more dwelling units. Contracts awarded (in thousands of dollars) for May of this year were only half those awarded in May, 1946.

To illustrate the great need of more and better housing in the United States, consider this: 21 per cent of our homes have no running water; 11 per cent no electricity; 31 per cent no private toilets; 52 per cent of the homes have no central heating; 35 per cent have no private tub or shower; 12 per cent are badly in need of major repairs.

Despite all this tremendous backlog of need and demand, our housing program has bogged down. The blame cannot be laid at the door of labor. The real bottlenecks are (1) profiteering prices for building materials, (2) inflated land values, and (3) lack of a comprehensive, government-supported, long-range construction program as provided in a bill now before Congress but not acted on.

*What are we going to do about it?*

## IS DEPRESSION NECESSARY

Most government economists seem to think that we are in for a "recession," to be followed some years hence by a major depression. They point to a decline in quantities of goods moved by retail sales, decreased purchasing power of the masses because of high prices, dwindling of worker savings accounts, zooming corporation profits, the marked lag in the housing program, etc.

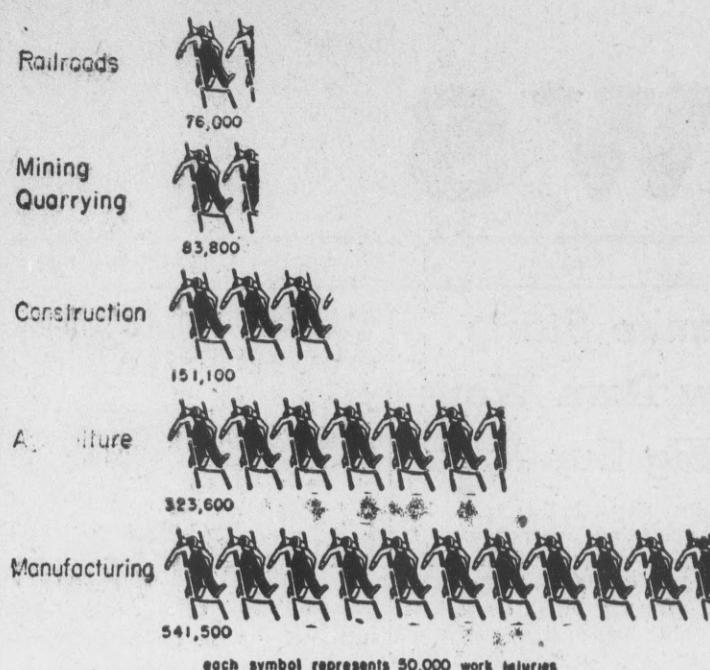
On the other hand, there are those who say: "Well, what of it? If things get tough, we can go back to the New Deal program and fill the gap by taxing and spending." This sounds all right, but it has its somber side. It must be remembered that our government has already committed the country to expenditures of between \$37 and \$40 billion for this year, and the raising of that amount is based upon the present rate of tax receipts. If we have a tailspin, however, tax receipts could fall considerably, and then we would have to go in again for what is called "deficit financing." With the Federal debt now in excess of \$200 billion, piling up still more doesn't seem a good way to fight depression.

Most of us have been clinging to the idea that the only solution is higher wages, more social security, etc. But if the big corporations which dominate our economy insist on offsetting higher wages with higher prices (and profits), how are we going to get out of the bog? It is becoming more and more apparent that something more is needed, and that something may be a bit of socialization and planned economy. Such things aren't popular in the United States, but neither is depression. Or is periodic depression a necessary price we cheerfully pay for "freedom"?

## THEY'LL THINK UP ONE!

Last year, you will remember, price control was blamed for the slow housing program. Well, price control was lifted, and since November of last year the cost of building materials has gone up about 26 per cent. Now the builders and real estate men are ignoring these soaring costs, and are trying to blame the situation on labor. However, a survey shows that the price of building materials has increased five times faster than wages of building tradesmen. Come, come, gentlemen, haven't you just about run out of phoney excuses?

## Disabling work injuries in 1946



## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## THE REAL TEST

The following colloquy was heard during the recent telephone strike:

"Listen, operator, this sure is an emergency call. I gotta awful bellyache, and gotta have a doctor!"

"Oh, yeah?" said the skeptical operator, "let's hear you burp."

## AND NOT CHILDLIKE

John Barrymore was once approached by a lady who complained that from where she sat in the theater she couldn't hear most of his risque lines.

"Terrible!" remarked Barrymore, "I don't relish being obscene and not heard."

## NOTHING CALAMITOUS

Mr. Chairman," said the political operator severely, "there is so much noise and interruption that I can hardly hear what I am saying."

"Never mind, mate," said a voice in the rear of the hall, "you didn't miss anything."

## LOGICAL EXPLANATION

GOTTIE: "Say, Moit, do you know why the average girl would rather have beauty than brains?"

GOTTIE: "Naw—why?"

GOTTIE: "Because the average man can see much better than he can think."

## NOT WHAT YOU READ

"But Elmer," said his mother, "didn't the voice of your conscience tell you that that was wrong?"

"Yes, ma," he replied, "but you can't believe everything you hear nowadays."

## A REAL CALAMITY

An excited voice on the phone proved to be that of a neighbor of Mr. Jones. It shrieked:

"SAY, your wife took your car and ran away with another man!"

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Jones, "and that was a brand new car, too!"

## FAINT HEART NEVER WON

It was away back in the days of polygamy in Salt Lake City, and one of the Mormon elders was taking to himself several wives, all at the same time and in one ceremony. The officiating clergyman was somewhat hard of hearing, and he found the brides to be rather timid in making their responses to the marriage ritual, which ruffled his temper. He said:

"Some of you girls are going to have to speak louder if you want to get in on this."

## THE FACTS OF LIFE

No less happy than the bride-to-be was the doting mother as the two sat down for an intimate chat.

"Now tell me mother," the girl whispered, "what I ought to know before . . ."

"Of course, my dear," said the fond mother, shyly lowering her eyes. "Well, to begin with, when your husband kisses you good night . . ."

"Oh, I know all about that, mother. I want to know how to cook his breakfast."

## SURPLUS PROPERTY

HANK: "Do you know what the woman exclaimed as she hastily left the cocktail party?"

HILDA: "No—what?"

HANK: "She said: 'I'm losing my punch!'"

MOE: "A tourist just back from England says travel is very broadening to the s's."

ZOE: "That's right. And sitting in trains, buses and planes is very broadening to the other letter taking the place of the apostrophe."

## A SHOCKING VERSE

Do you ever wear rayon scanties? When they crackle electrical currents?

Don't worry, my dear, The reason is clear, You simply have amps in your panties!

## A PENNY SAVED

MOE: "Did you hear about the Scotchman who took the international prize for frugality?"

ZOE: "No, what about him?"

MOE: "Well, you see, he took his wife to the country to have her baby because he'd just heard about rural free delivery."

## A SPECIFIC CASE

Maurice Evans claims that the principal drawback of playing "Hamlet" is that it inevitably revives a crop of Hamlet anecdotes.

We wonder if he has heard this one:

Al Jolson is said to have inquired of an eminent Shakespearean actor whether in his opinion Hamlet ever had an affair with Ophelia.

"Well," was the straight-faced reply, "in the show that I was in, he did."

## AND INDEED, WHY?

The two men were discussing marriage. One of them appeared to be very cynical about it—he, of course, being the married one.

"Do you realize," asked the other man, "that in some parts of India a man doesn't know his wife until he's married to her?"

The cynical one raised his eyebrows and said, "Why single out India?"

## Labor Joins State Rent Control Plan

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—Twenty-two representatives of various statewide organizations, including the California State Federation of Labor, the League of Women Voters, the Chamber of Commerce, Veterans groups, etc., gathered in the governor's office on July 9 by invitation to discuss the effects of the Housing and Rent Control Act of 1947, passed by Congress.

Participating in the meeting was Warden Cox, area director for rent control, who represented Frank Creedon, the Housing Expediter, and who presented a program to the conference. This program proposed the setting up of committees consisting of seven volunteer members in the various counties throughout California.

The federation representative, Vice-President Harry Finks, proposed that the area committees be broken down to smaller units, to consist of panels from each city plus the committee of seven, as proposed. The federation representative argued that the proposed area committees covered too large territory, singling out Alameda as an example, which contains 120,000 rental units, but would have a committee of 38 members, which would have to represent 893,000 rental units. The federation representative recommended that all the panels should constitute the over-all committee and would operate in their respective communities.

Considerable discussion developed and it was decided that another meeting of the representatives present would be called.

The governor added to the committee the following: Col. Leach, director of Selective Service for the State of California; Col. Wyman, State Reconstruction and Employment Commission; James Arnerich, Professional and Vocational Standards; Dick Graves, League of Cities; Mr. Molte of the County Supervisors. The governor promised to put a labor man on the committee.

It was understood that the committee would first work out a program and then submit it to the enlarged committee which would meet later.

Considerable differences with Mr. Cox's program were expressed and it is expected that greater decentralization will be provided, as recommended by the federation representative.

**FIRST DAY**

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Along with streamlined machinery and equipment, employers are introducing new and streamlined efficiency methods. Efficiency experts are being hired on an unprecedented scale, even in fairly small plants, and these experts are developing more subtle and effective speedup and stretchout systems.

## SPEEDUP SYSTEMS SPREAD

Employers are "stabilizing" their wage structures by using job evaluation studies that tend to level off a worker's wages and create greater speedup pressures. Tech-



By THE ECONOMIST

The vast technological strides made by the U. S. in the war and postwar period are today increasingly being put into use by industry. New machines and new techniques already are making it possible to turn out more of the goods America and the world need and to do with the use of less manpower.

While this could be a wonderful thing for the millions at home and abroad who need our products, to American workers it means one thing—dread of technological unemployment.

By the end of this year, such unemployment will have reached so substantial a figure that it will be a serious factor for the consideration of the unions. Preliminary Labor Dept. studies indicate that workers' productivity, thanks to the new techniques, will increase at an "abnormal" rate this year.

So abnormal is the rate expected to be that the Journal of Commerce has reported Labor Dept. economists to the effect that "should a recession materialize, healthy productivity advances still would be within grasp for the remainder of this year and in 1948."

To workers that means layoffs as fewer of them are needed to turn out larger quantities of goods. Should the slump materialize, pressure would grow for even greater speedup to stretch the productivity of each man and thus permit still further layoffs.

Two factors are making for the re-emergency of technological unemployment. The first is the installation of new equipment and machines, on which industry spent \$12 billion in 1946 and is expected to spend \$14 billion in 1947.

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## DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

WASHINGTON—Because there are stamp collectors, U. S. taxpayers saved more than \$3 1/4 million last year. The Philatelic agency of the Post Office Department reported sales of \$3,331,291 during the fiscal year ended June 30. All of those sales were for fine copies of current postage stamps, mostly the "King-size" commemoratives, and almost none will ever see service on mail since they will go into albums and lock boxes as investments.

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## Capitalists Invite Their Extinction, Banker Says

"To avoid extinction, capitalists will have to make immediate and radical changes in their attitude toward labor and methods of dealing with labor," declared Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland industrialist in an article published in the current issue of the University of Chicago Law Review.

Mr. Eaton, who has broad interests in the iron ore, steel, coal and railroad industries, asserted that "capitalism cannot survive without labor." He added:

"Let no business man be naive enough to believe . . . that restrictive legislation will be any more effective in bringing about industrial harmony than the Volstead Act was in discouraging drinking."

"The casualness with which we capitalists seem willing—nay, even eager—to invite the collapse of our economic system in almost every industrial dispute for the sole purpose of thwarting labor is utterly incomprehensible. Labor not only produces the goods and consumes a large part of them; labor also has the votes."

"Eventually labor unity is practically a foregone conclusion. The prospect of labor united should be sobering to even the most embittered and embattled capitalist."

"I also believe we may ultimately see a strong alliance between labor and the farmer, accompanied by a tremendous expansion of the manufacturing and selling cooperatives. The effecting of such a formidable combination awaits only the magic touch of some dynamic personality."

"Then, if capitalism has not already gone by the board, its continued existence will be completely at the mercy of an estranged 95 per cent of the electorate."

He credited John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers union, with exercising "wisdom and restraint" during the soft coal controversy last fall, and accused the mine owners of working "under cover . . . feverishly, night and day, to keep a torrent of abuse turned on the miners and their leaders, through every channel of publicity, and to urge all three branches of government—executive, legislative, and judicial—to chack down on labor."

"Throughout the entire time," he added, "John L. Lewis never uttered a syllable of complaint and never issued a statement criticizing anybody."

Mr. Eaton said the supreme court decision against the miners "will be productive of untold evil in the whole field of labor relations."

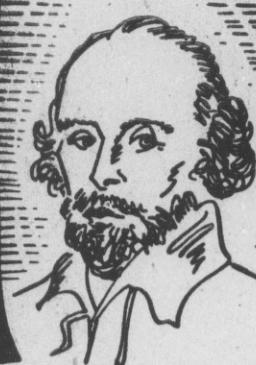
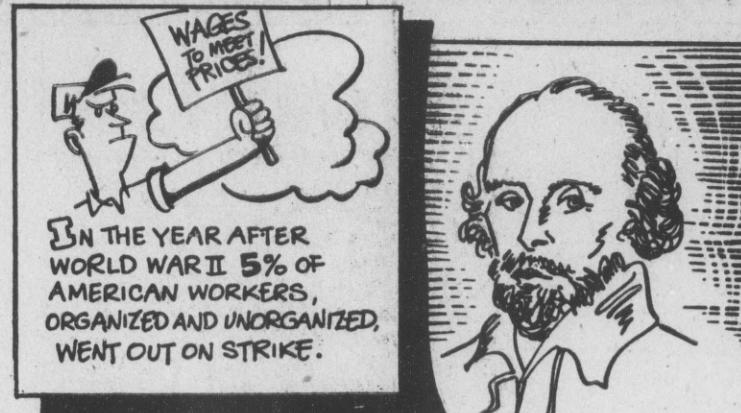
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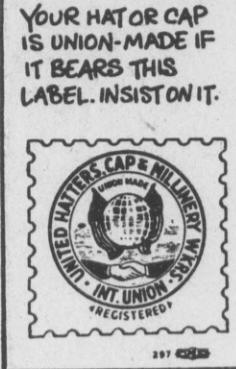
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**Popular Releases**

Of the publishing firms that have been doing a land-office business in 25-cent reprints, none have surpassed Popular Library in selection of topnotch "westerns." Holding up the high standard is "Rancho," by Luke Short. This epic story of the range country originally appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, and the movie version, with Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake, Preston Foster and Arleen Whelan, is being shown in theaters all over the country. If you go for this type of story, you won't be disappointed in this one.—A.E.S.

The bill, allowing three years of wartime service to be accepted in place of five years peacetime sailing, would affect only a few hundred seamen, Celler said. The aliens it would help were in most cases denied applications for immigration visas earlier on the ground they were needed to man ships in wartime, he added.

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**Rent Evictions**

CLEVELAND — Two additional judges have been assigned to hear eviction cases in municipal court here. Despite the July 4 holiday, 76 cases—the largest docket in several years—were scheduled during the first week in July.

## Broader Rights Won Under Job Benefits Law

**PORLAND, Ore.** — Workers who leave their jobs in one state to return to their homes in another state are now eligible for jobless insurance benefits under a decision recently handed down by the California Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Details of the decision were given to the press here by Francis J. Murnane following final determination of his claim for benefits arising out of a job he held in a San Francisco Bay area brewery.

Murnane, who returned to his home in Oregon last October, was at first denied unemployment insurance on the grounds that he had left his job in California voluntarily and was no longer living in the state.

Murnane decided to appeal the decision and after seven months received a ruling in his favor. The \$470 in back insurance will come in mighty handy when the depression really hits this former war boom center, he told reporters.

The case is expected to qualify thousands of other workers for unemployment insurance, including not only displaced war workers but women forced to give up steady employment to follow husbands demobilized from underprivileged children.

From B&CTC two letters reporting on the state legislature and warning labor that they only way to win is at the ballot box. Support your friends and defeat your enemies.

A letter from the Monterey Shrine Circus to be held in Salinas High School Bowl July 21 and 22, the proceeds will go for benefit of underprivileged children.

From B&CTC Dept. in answer letter sent from this council.

From Gov. Earl Warren giving his stand on SB 342, Hot Cargo bill.

Notice of a meeting to be held in protest against PG&E using IBEW 1245-B members on construction that belongs to the building and construction trades.

A copy of minutes from B&CTC of Santa Clara County; Pike Butts 34. Filed.

State Federation News Letters, BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT

Bro. R. S. (Dick) Rial reported his findings in detail for the past three weeks; Mr. Henry Jewell signed the B&CTC agreement. He asked that the council subscribe for the Monterey Peninsula Builders letter that is published locally.

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**REPORTS OF LOCALS**

Bro. Bethards, 1323, good meeting, elected officers.

Bro. Isackson, 304, signed an agreement with the Valley Neon Sign Co., the first of their kind to sign with the metal workers.

Bro. Williamson, 337, all men working.

Bro. Bolin, 272, good meeting, elected officers.

Bro. Thomas, 690, good meeting, sent two delegates to Northern District Council convention. The Laborers are now receiving \$1.30 per hour.

Bro. Tabler, 16, good meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Trustees reported they audited the financial secretary's books and found them in order. Trustees recommend a meeting of the Council.

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A new agreement has been signed with the Anderson Packing Company; the wages rates will be as follow: the minimum hourly rate for women \$1 per hour; the minimum hourly rate for men \$1.15; time and one-half after 8 and 40 hours and vacations.

**RAITERS**  
All members who have worked in the spinach this year or since March 1, contact the company for your back pay as your checks are ready.

**DRIVERS NOTE**  
To all drivers hauling and moving equipment and machinery over the road such as trailers, trucks and baskets, etc., the scale of wages and conditions are as follow and are in effect since May 1, by and between the Motor Truck Owners Association of Northern California and the various teamster unions; \$1.535 per hour plus \$4.50 per day subsistence and \$6.50 subsistence on Sunday and the following holidays: Christmas, New Year's, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day, Armistice Day and Thanksgiving. Also dead heading shall be paid for at the straight time hourly rate.

Be sure and wear your monthly button on the job.

Through the efforts of organized labor, after January 1, 1948, the California State Unemployment Insurance Plan will be increased as follows: The maximum benefits will be \$25 per week, also the maximum weeks that you may draw unemployment insurance will be increased to 26. Also an additional 13 weeks after you have drawn the 26 weeks, in case of sickness or vice versa, making a total of 39 weeks maximum can be drawn under the new plan. Familiarize yourself with the plan, especially sickness, as you are eligible to draw sick benefits under the insurance plan.

To all produce, cull and bug

drivers: the officers of the union have recently found unorganized cull drivers working for as little as 85¢ per hour, straight time. Proving to all of us the only way to keep wages, hours and working conditions is to be strongly organized in a union.

We are sorry to report that a member of our union, Sister Esther Reeves, met with an unfortunate accident, necessitating the amputation of her limb. Sister Reeves is at the county hospital and we urge our members to pay her a visit.

While this accident is most unfortunate under our insurance plan and policy carried by this union for all its members, Sister Reeves is covered by this insurance.

## VET INFORMATION ON GI INSURANCE

Veterans Administration is urging all veterans of World War II to give serious consideration to the peacetime protection provided them and their families by liberalized National Service Life Insurance.

Veterans who have allowed their GI term insurance to lapse have until January 1, 1948, to reinstate their lapsed GI term insurance with simple "comparative health statement."

The statement to the effect that the veteran's health is as good as when he allowed the policy to lapse, plus two monthly premiums, is all that is needed to reinstate the insurance.

National Service Life Insurance, liberalized by Congress to meet the peacetime needs of the veteran now includes:

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## Typos Face Loss Of Closed Shop Under 'Slave Bill'

INDIANAPOLIS — The International Typographical Union (AFL) whose predominantly closed shop contracts cover one of the most tightly-organized industries in the U. S., may abandon its agreements rather than comply with the Taft-Hartley law.

Notices sent by the ITU to all local chapter chairmen said briefly: "It does not appear at this time that we will want any collective bargaining agreements under the new law."

The bulletin, approved by ITU President Randolph and other international officers, also said: "We are studying the effect of new laws on our relations with employers and doing so in conjunction with the AFL. No hasty or ill-considered action will be taken."

Local officers were advised to give 60 days notice of termination of contracts expiring after Aug. 22 when most provisions of the new law go into effect. The termination notice should offer "to meet and confer for the purpose of 'negotiating' conditions of employment" as required by the new law, the bulletin said, but with the understanding that "such obligation does not compel this union to agree to a proposal or require the making of a concession."

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Q. In getting a guaranteed loan under the GI bill, must my loan be secured by a lien?

A. Not invariably. Under most circumstances a lien will be required as security for a loan, but there are a few conditions under which a loan may be unsecured.

Q. Do the veteran's rights to a loan guarantee extend indefinitely?

A. No. A guaranty may be had if applied for within 10 years from the termination of World War II which has not been declared yet.

Remember the following meeting dates: Salinas, regular and initiation meeting, August 5 at the Women's Civic Club, 211 Lincoln Street, at 8 p.m. Watsonville, regular and initiation meeting, August 6, at the IOOF Hall at 8 p.m.

Remember to buy union clothing and patronize union services.

## Reply to Rent Boosts . . . Wright



## UNION DOCTOR...

By THE PHYSICIANS FORUM

A special advisory committee to the President has recently come out with a strong recommendation for a system of compulsory military training. Consistently supporting the program has been the army, which has established a demonstration unit at Fort Knox, Ky., and has a universal training bill now before Congress. Adoption of so-called U.M.T. was recently urged by President Truman.

One of the most frequent arguments used by supporters of universal military training is that the program will greatly improve the health of the nation. By providing the 18-year-old boys of the country with a healthy outdoor life, good food, and full medical care for a period of six months, it is claimed that lasting contributions to the health of each maturing generation will result.

This is an attractive proposition, and this doctors' column must consider it carefully. To begin with, the Army plan would reject at the very start all the boys who fail to meet certain health standards. Thus, only the best male specimens would be accepted for the building-up process, and the boys most in need of health improvement would be passed over. None of the girls, healthy or otherwise, would be considered.

In the second place, it would seem to us as doctors that four to six months of military camp experience can hardly produce very

many lasting health improvements. The danger of contagious disease epidemics, the high accident rate, the venereal disease hazards, and the psychological maladjustments involved in army camp experience are almost enough in themselves to offset the few months of exercise and good eating.

As for correction of medical defects, it is well known that the major causes of disability in young men—such as dental diseases, psychoneurosis, eye and ear disturbances, rheumatic fever, and bone and muscle infirmities—must be treated well before the 18th year to be properly corrected, and usually require longer periods of medical care than a few months.

The fact remains that if healthy young people are to be produced in our country needed health care must be available in the important years when defects start, and must be continued throughout the period of growth and development.

Military camp dispensaries for successive classes of already physically fit 18-year-old boys cannot

## French Present Military Medal To Late Pres.

WASHINGTON—The French government awarded the Military Medal to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt in an official ceremony at which Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt accepted the honor for her husband.

In the presence of President Truman, the French ambassador read the glowing tribute to his predecessor which said that "by his words and deeds he rekindled the hope of all the oppressed, revived the energy of all fighting men and rallied all who believed in justice and truth."

The French citation said the exhausted Roosevelt "died at the very moment when he could perceive the triumph of the free peoples whose military victories he had ensured and to whom he had outlined, even in the midst of combat, the imposing tasks of the future, those of reconstruction and of peace."

make a significant dent in the overall health problems of our youth.

The issue of compulsory military training has very serious implications for the future of our country. It should be argued on its own merits and not confused by any claims of beneficial side-effects on health.

If the fundamental dependence of national security on national health is really to be appreciated, Congress should take steps immediately to enact the National Health Insurance and Public Health Act, S. 1320.

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overseas, had been unable to find a home since his discharge in April except for a house that was sold out from under them after a four weeks' stay. His wife, also a former Marine, collapsed when police ordered them out of the park. An employed butcher, Ahearn said his pay and subsistence for on-the-job training give him enough income to pay \$50 or \$60 a month rent but landlords will not take the children. Just one mile away a Republican-controlled Congress was twiddling its fingers over a long-range housing program for vets like Ahearn. (LPA.)

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